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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: GOS OFFICIAL POSITION ON BALTIC NEAR-MISS INCIDENT
TO BE GIVEN ON JANUARY 19

REF: STOCKHOLM 0133 (DTG 121434Z)

1. MFA OFFICER (SVEN HIRDMAN, SOVIET AFFAIRS) INFORMED
POLITICAL COUNSELOR TODAY THAT GOS OFFICIAL POSITION ON
INCIDENT INVOLVING US-SOVIET AIRCRAFT OVER THE BALTIC
ON JANUARY 5 WOULD BE PRESENTED TO THE RIKSDAG BY
FOREIGN MINISTER SODER ON JANUARY 19. UNTIL THAT DATE
AND PRESENTATION, GOS WILL MAKE NO COMMENT ON THE
INCIDENT AND NO REFERENCE WHATSOEVER TO ANY CONCLUSIONS
REACHED AS A RESULT OF VIEWING THE RADAR SCOPE FILMS
FROM THE GOTLAND AND SMALAND SITES. HIRDMAN ASKED
REPEATEDLY (AS DID COMMODORE ALGERNON OF THE SWEDISH DEFENSE
STAFF TO EMBASSY AIR ATTACHE ALSO TODAY) THAT WE TAKE SPECIAL
PAINS TO PROTECT THE FACT THAT US EMBASSY AIR ATTACHE

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HAD BEEN INVITED TO VIEW THESE FILMS AND ANY CONCLUSIONS
REACHED THROUGH THE FILMS' CONTENTS.

2. COMMENT: I WISH TO STRESS TO ALL ADDRESSEES THE
IMPORTANCE OF RESPECTING THE SWEDISH REQUEST TO TREAT
THE INFORMATION CONTAINED REFTEL WITH UTMOST SENSITIVITY
AND CONFIDENTIALITY. I DOUBT SERIOUSLY THAT THE SWEDISH

MILITARY OR ANY INTERESTED GOS AGENCY HAS BEEN IN
CONTACT WITH THE SOVIET EMBASSY HERE ON ANY ASPECT OF THIS
CASE THUS FAR. THE DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION INDICATING
THAT THIS EMBASSY'S AIR ATTACHE HAD SEEN THE RADAR SCOPE FILM
EVIDENCE AT GOS INVITATION WOULD VERY PROBABLY BE EXTREMELY
EMBARRASSING TO THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT AND WOULD JEOPARDIZE
THE FINE COOPERATION WE NOW ENJOY WITH THE SWEDISH MILITARY.
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